SCENE IV.

France. A Room in the French King's Palace.

Enter the French King attended; the Dauphin, the Duke of BURGUNDY, *the Constable, and Others.*

FR. KING. Thus come the English with full power upon us:
And more than carefully it us concerns[z],
To answer royally in our defences.
Therefore the dukes of Berry, and of Bretagne,
Of Brabant, and of Orleans, shall make forth,—
And you, prince Dauphin,—with all swift despatch,
To line, and new repair, our towns of war,
With men of courage, and with means defendant:
For England his approaches makes as fierce,
As waters to the sucking of a gulph.
It fits us then to be as provident
As fear may teach us, out of late examples
Left by the fatal and neglected English
Upon our fields.

DAU. My most redoubted father,
It is most meet we arm us 'gainst the foe:
For peace itself should not so dull a kingdom [a],
'(Though war, nor no known quarrel, were in question,)
But that defences, musters, preparations,
Should be maintained, assembled, and collected,
As were a war in expectation.

[1] And more than CAREFULLY it us concerns,]
[2] — so putx, a kingdom J L e, render it callows, insensible,
So, in Hamlet:
" **But do not *dull* thy palm**," &c.

STEEVENS.